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Go Play Learn



Dia de Los Ninos Saturday, May 4, 2013

Meet Dora the Explorer, dance to the music of West End Mambo, learn about language, art, and culture with Criss Cross Mango-sauce. Downtown Greensboro @ Festival Park, 12.30-4pm

Outdoor Adventures

**Earth Day Celebration at The
Kathleen Clay Edwards Library
Saturday, April 13th 1 – 5 pm**



Join us for this free family event. Hayrides, face painting, scout activities, nature crafts, hands on eco-exhibits. See live animals, solar and technology displays, entertainment and much, much more.

April Is Poetry Month

April 4...Poetry Palooza - Bring a friend and your best rhyme to share at this Poetry Slam for students K - 5. Thursday from 3 - 4 pm at Glenwood Branch.

April 15...Stylin' with Poetry - Explore a variety of poetry formats and write a poem or two of your own. For all ages. Monday at 6:30 pm at Hemphill

April 17...Poetry Alive Performance - School-age children can enjoy a high energy, interactive poetry performance by Poetry Alive. Wednesday at 3:30 pm. Central Library.

April 24...A Poem from Me - Children will be encouraged to write a poem, share with others and frame it. Wednesday at 4 pm. McGirt Horton

Check the online calendar for lots of other poetry events in April.

THE BOOK BAG

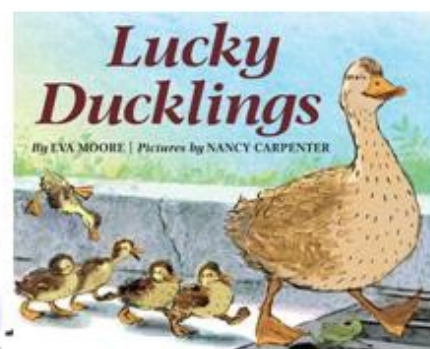


**A Year with Friends by John Seven,
illustrated by Jana Christy, 2012**

This simple picture book is perfect for introducing months of the year to a young preschooler. Each month is summarized with a brief text and brightly colored illustrations. "April is time to get messy" uses several pictures to show an exuberant youngster in yellow slicker and red galoshes running to leap into a large mud puddle. A closer look at the paintings for each month will reveal the steps to growing flowers, building a sandcastle and other seasonal delights.

**Lucky Ducklings by Eva Moore, pictures by
Nancy Carpenter, 2013.**

Reminiscent of the classic Make Way for Ducklings, this book tells the true story of a duckling family and their unfortunate encounter with a storm drain. Mama Duck is worried and so are the townspeople. All is not lost though and young readers will cheer when three Long Island firefighters and a tow truck driver come to the rescue of the five stranded babies. Pair this with Raffi's song of *Five Little Ducks* for more duckling fun!



May 14 is Dance Like a Chicken Day

Fun Fact: "The Chicken Dance" was originally called "The Duck Dance". Then everyone realized chickens were just much better dancers.



JUST FOR FUN!

What flowers grow on faces?



Tulips

What season is it when you are on a trampoline?



Spring Time!

The Hungry Bird

by James Young

The bird woke early.
For she had heard,
That's what you do
When you're a bird.



The worm slept in.
He'd also heard,
That bit about
The early bird.

Craft Time

Read *Miss Rumphius* by Barbara Cooney and make a Mother's Day Card

Miss Rumphius is the story of one woman's quest to experience life and find her purpose. The overall message is to create beauty while you are here and to leave this world more beautiful than you find it. Although Miss Rumphius is not a mother, the story is told from the view point of her great niece and she is a strong female character.

What you need: 8.5 x 11 sheet of white paper

Small amount of paint - pink, blue, and purple

Green paint or marker, if using green paint allow it to dry before applying the pink, blue and purple paint.



To create the card. Fold a 8.5 x 11 sheet of white paper in half. Draw green grass at the bottom of the opening with stems rising toward the fold. Place finger prints of pink, blue and purple paint along both sides of the stems to create Lupines, the flowers from the story. On the inside write – “You make the world a more beautiful place! Happy Mother’s Day”

This card is suitable to be given to any female role model in your life.

Jumble Fun

National Astronomy Week and Day are celebrated each April, and astronomy is the science of what?
_____ E C S A P

April is the month to rhyme, though you can do so any time, in a boat or in a tree, you can write some
_____. Y P E T R O

April 1st is the day to play these on your friends and family! _____ I T S K C R

On the first Saturday in May in Festival Park, the Greensboro Public Library is hosting Día De Los Niños, Día De Los Libros, a celebration of children, books, families. The name of the celebration is in which language? _____ H S P S I A N



During Bat Appreciation Week in April, people are encouraged to learn about these helpful mammals who do not want your _____. O B O D L

Although a special day for her is set aside in May, you should be sweet to her all year!
_____ R H M T O E

May is Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month. These countries that have the two largest populations in the world are found in Asia:
_____ and _____ A I I D N and N H I A C

The day in April that is meant to inspire awareness and appreciation for our natural environment is called _____ Day, and the Greensboro Public Library will celebrate it on April 13 at the Kathleen Clay Edwards Family Branch. R A T E H

Mommy & Me Tea: Children are invited to bring their mothers, grandmothers, aunts and other special women with them to this party celebrating the important women in their lives.

There will be refreshments, a story and crafts!
Benjamin Branch, Thursday, May 9 at 3:30 pm



Xie, Xie, China: Enjoy a folktale from China and experiment with the Chinese game of tangrams.
Benjamin Branch Thursday, May 23 at 3:30 pm

The tangram is a shape puzzle invented a long time ago in China. People who were trading goods between Europe and China brought the puzzle to Europe and then to America in the 1800s, where it became very popular. The object is to use the different shapes to make specific silhouettes or larger shapes without overlapping any of the pieces and by using all of them. There are thousands of different picture puzzles to solve – how many do you think you can do? Note to parents: Tangrams are a fun way for children to develop their problem solving skills and their knowledge of geometry.

Print the tangram template on a piece of cardstock or print on regular copy paper and glue to cardboard. Cut out the different pieces – there should be two big triangles, two small triangles, one medium triangle, one square and one parallelogram (which is also a rhomboid). You must always use every piece, and you may not overlap any of the pieces. Use your pieces to create pictures yourself or try to make the following picture!

